

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Regulation and Assurance Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ref: AE-CA-05

Date: 1 December 2015

BOVSEM.CA 14 December 2015 – BOVINE SEMEN TO CANADA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the export requirements for bovine semen to Canada BOVSEM.CA dated 14 December 2015;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of the export requirements for bovine semen to Canada BOVSEMEC.CA dated 1 March 2013;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for bovine semen to Canada.

This notice takes effect from the 14th December 2015.

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of December 2015.

Signed: Howard Pharo
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal and Animal Products Directorate
Regulation and Assurance Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. Canada requirements

Bovine semen exported from New Zealand to Canada must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Explanatory note:

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the bovine semen does not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the bovine semen does not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: BOVINE SEMEN

To: CANADA

Exporting country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number:

I: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DONOR ANIMALS AND SEMEN

Name and breed	Herd/flock book registration number	Date(s) of collection/batch number	Straw identification	Number of straws

Total number of straws:

II: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name and address and approval number of the semen collection centre:

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Name and address of exporter:

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III: DESTINATION OF SEMEN

Name and address of consignee:

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Means and identification of transport:

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I....., being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, do hereby certify, after due enquiry in regards to the animal(s) and semen identified in the Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. COUNTRY FREEDOM

New Zealand is free of bluetongue, *Brucella abortus*, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest, and vesicular stomatitis.

Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in New Zealand.

2. RESIDENCY STATUS OF DONOR BULL

2.1 The donor bull:

Either: [2.1.1 has been continuously resident in New Zealand for a minimum of six (6) months immediately prior to collection of the semen]

Or: [2.1.2 was imported directly from Canada to New Zealand.]

(Delete as appropriate)

3. DISEASE STATUS OF PREMISES OF ORIGIN

3.1 The herd of origin:

Either: [3.1.1 is recognised free of tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*) by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries]

Or: [3.1.2 was tested twice by an intradermal test using bovine tuberculin with negative results within twenty four (24) months immediately prior to the date of collection of the semen for export to Canada.]

(Delete as appropriate)

4. SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE

4.1 The semen was collected and processed in a semen collection centre approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries for the export of semen.

4.2 The semen collection centre was not subject to any restriction or quarantine measure with respect to animal disease during the pre-collection, collection and post-collection period.

4.3 The semen was collected and processed at a collection centre under the supervision of a veterinarian approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries.

5. PRE-COLLECTION ISOLATION

- 5.1 The donor bull(s) was resident in a pre-entry isolation facility for at least thirty (30) days prior to entering the semen collection centre.
- 5.2 The donor bull was not used for natural service for a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to and until completion of collection, or during the entire period of collection facility residency until the completion of collection.
- 5.3 During the pre-collection, collection and post-collection period the donor bull and all in-contact animals remained healthy. The donor bulls from which the germplasm for export was sourced were examined and found free from clinical evidence of communicable disease during every procedure related to the preparation and collection of germplasm.
- 5.4 The donor bull did not come in contact with animals of a lesser health status during the pre-collection or collection period.

6. TESTING OF THE DONOR BULL

The donor bull was tested for the following diseases/micro-organisms with negative results:

- 6.1 *Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis* using either the CF test, or ELISA, or semen culture, or tuberculation with avian tuberculin or another test approved by the OIE on samples taken from the donor bull within twelve (12) months of collection of the exported semen.

Test used:

Date of test:

- 6.2 Bovine tuberculosis, using an intradermal test with bovine tuberculin performed on:
 - 6.2.1 the donor bull within the sixty (60) days prior to the donor bull entering the pre-entry isolation facility, and;
 - 6.2.2 the donor bull whilst in the pre-entry isolation facility not less than sixty (60) days after the first test, and;
 - 6.2.3 all bulls continuously resident at the approved facility within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding collection of exported semen.

7. SEMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE

- 7.1 The semen for export to Canada was collected, processed and stored in a hygienic manner that prevented contamination with pathogenic micro-organisms. All material containing animal ingredients used in the processing of the germplasm was sourced and processed to prevent introduction of significant pathogenic micro-organisms of animal origin. All equipment used to collect, handle, wash, freeze and store the germplasm presented for import into Canada was properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use, except for disposable, single use equipment.
- 7.2 The straws or ampoules contain semen from only one donor, and were sealed prior to freezing. The cryogenic or cooling agent used in the process has not been used in association with any other product of animal origin.
- 7.3 The frozen semen was stored in sterile ampoules, straws or receptacles, with semen of equivalent health status, in liquid nitrogen containers at an approved storage place for a minimum period of thirty (30) days prior to export.

- 7.4 Semen presented for importation into Canada is in individual receptacles or straws, each marked with the collection date, breed and identity of the donor and the identity of the semen collection centre.
- 7.5 Prior to export, the sanitised transportation flask was sealed under veterinary supervision, using a tamper proof seal bearing the mark:
- 7.6 The serial number of the transportation flask / shipping container is:
- 7.7 The semen being presented for importation must not come into contact with any animals, products or equipment of a lesser zoosanitary health status during the entire required periods of residency, isolation, storage and transportation to the port of exportation.

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 Signature Official Veterinarian
 New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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 Official Stamp and Date

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 Name and Address

NB: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: BOVINE SEMEN

COUNTRY: CANADA

NOTES: This certificate replaces the certificate dated 1 March 2013, and was amended in response to a clarification from CFIA that the second Tb test was to occur during a pre-entry isolation period. The changes made were: 1) clause 5.1 has been amended to refer to a 30 day pre-entry isolation residency; 2) sub clause 6.2.2 amended to refer specifically to the pre-entry isolation period.
This export certificate was drafted using the import conditions from the CFIA website, and approved by CFIA on 18 November 2015.

1. An Import Permit is required and the export certificate must contain all the information required on the permit and the originals must be presented for inspection at the first point of entry.
2. The straw identification must include the registered name, registration number and breed of the donor sire and the date of semen collection.
3. Should the disease status of New Zealand change between the time of issuance of the permit and the time of unrestricted entry into Canada, the import shipment may be refused entry into Canada or be subject to additional quarantine and testing or treatment. Importers will be responsible for any additional incurred costs.
4. The germplasm must be shipped by the most direct and appropriate route from the point of export to the address of destination in Canada. Transhipment through another country requires written authorisation from the CFIA and must be attached to the permit and accompany the shipment. With the exception of changing planes, germplasm must not be off loaded at any port of call en route.

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act states that 'The Crown is not liable, and nor is the Director-General or any employee of the Ministry liable, for any loss arising through the refusal or failure of the relevant authority of an overseas market to admit export animal material or animal product to that market.'